

AUDIT COMMITTEE

(MEETING TO BE HELD – IN PART – JOINTLY WITH THAT OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE)

Date: Monday 24 September 2012 Time: 6.00 p.m. Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage Contact: Guy Moody 01438 242203

Members: Councillors C Latif (Chair), J Gardner (Vice Chair), D Cullen, M McKay, R Parker CC and M Yarnold-Forrester

Independent: B Mitchell

AGENDA

<u>PART I</u>

1 APPOINTMENT OF PERSON TO PRESIDE

To appoint a person to preside over the element of the meeting which will be held jointly with the Statement of Accounts Committee.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12 AND EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

To receive a presentation from the Assistant Director Finance on the External Auditor's Annual Report and the 2011/12 Statement of Accounts required under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) Regulations 2003.

Following the presentation, Members will be invited to ask questions of clarification.

After questions the Statement of Accounts Committee will adjourn to allow the Audit Committee to consider the report and to agree to any recommendations. Report and appendices attached.

4 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURING FINANCIAL RESILIENCE

The Committee is requested to receive and note the Financial Resilience Report from the Council's Auditors Grant Thornton.

Report attached.

5 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

To consider any Part I business accepted by the Chair as urgent

6 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motions:

- 1. That under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No.88.
- 2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

<u>PART II</u>

7 URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.